

clean spirits," or evil policy, to actuate these three powers, then are we to recognise the immediate approach of the end; for this, says the prophecy, will cause the kings of the earth to be gathered together to "the battle of that great day of God Almighty." *This period has now come.* France has at this moment the Pope and the Emperor in a very critical position. By occupying Rome and protecting the Pope, it has obtained a certain right to dictate the policy of his Holiness,—now, alas, robbed of his imperial dignity, and reduced to the position of a "false prophet"—and is causing him to involve the other nations in war. By this move it has also placed itself in antagonism to Austria, and brought forth an unclean spirit from thence, which in a little time will create an open war between the powers, involving many other kingdoms in the strife, and ultimately producing consequences of a fatal nature to the whole ten kingdoms. France is also causing an unclean spirit to proceed from the Sultan, by promising him help in case of a Russian invasion, and inciting him to a war with that mighty power, when he would otherwise quietly yield to it. Thus we see in full operation that agency which is to indicate the time of the end, and produce the terrible events which must precede and accomplish that period. Let us now, by the light of the prophecy, try to discover the nature of these, and thus be able to read the political history of the next fifteen years, and learn something of the events which will take place from that time till the millennium.

From what we stated at the outset, our readers will perceive that we have no sympathy with that system of wholesale spiritualizing, which our commentators have pursued in treating of the future part of this Bible history. That large portion of it which has been illustrated in the past, gives us no warrant to believe—far less to assert—that its future predictions are but emblems of the changes and occurrences that will pass over the church, and that the wars spoken of are moral, not physical.